

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/810,548

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment of October 06, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7-13 and 19-23 re-numbered as 1-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/810,548.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is a response Office Action to the Amendment of October 06, 2005.
2. The Examiner acknowledges the cancellation of Claims 2, 4, 6 and 14-18.
3. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13 and 19-23 are presented for examination following Amendment of October 06, 2005.
4. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13 and 19-23 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Priority

5. Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)–(d) is acknowledged. The Applicant was accorded the benefit of the earlier filing date of November 01, 2000.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13 and 19-23, are allowed over the prior art of record.
7. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding Independent Claims 1, 3 and 5, Applicant's particular method and associated system for transforming data format between database management system programs is the combination of the limitations wherein the skeleton program obtains an address of a particular data format transformation program for a data format transformation from a relation table containing the relations between a plurality of data

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format transformation programs and the respective addresses of these programs in a disk storage device; wherein the program address includes a Logical Unit Number (LUN) and a Port Identifier (PI) indicating the location of the program in what volume of what disk storage device is stored; in combination with the other limitation wherein the database management system program data format is different from another database management system program data format; and wherein the request comprises an address for a particular data format transformation program in combination with the other limitations of the claims, was not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record or that encountered in searching of the prior art, the prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

The dependent Claims 7-11 and 21 being further limiting to independent Claim 1; dependent Claims 12, 13 and 22 being further limiting to independent Claim 3 and dependent Claims 19, 20 and 23 being further limiting to independent Claim 5; definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Points of Contact

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haythim J. Alaubaidi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at (571) 272-4146.

Any response to this office action should be mailed to:

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